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FORMER TEACHER SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 18, 2008

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Eric Don Standefer was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff to serve 70 months in custody based on Standefer's conviction for possession of child pornography. Judge Huff also ordered that Standefer serve a five-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and required Standefer to register as a sex offender. Standefer, a former music teacher at Jean Farb Middle School in San Diego, pled guilty on November 27, 2007.

According to court-filed documents, the investigation began when the Federal Bureau of Investigation learned that individuals were using the online currency "E-gold" to purchase access to child pornography websites. Standefer was identified as one of the purchasers and was found to possess CD-Roms which had images of children engaged in sexually explicit activity.

Judge Huff order Standefer immediately into custody to begin serving his sentence.

This case stems from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and assisted by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the Chula Vista Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the United States Marshals Service, the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the El Cajon Police Department.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06cr2674-H

Eric Don Standefer

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation